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AL-QADHDHAFI COMMENTS ON TERRORISM IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW

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TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 1730 GMT 16 APR 76 JN

((TEXT)) LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION BROTHER COLONEL MUHAMMAR AL-QADHDHAFI HAS STRESSED THAT WE ARE AGAINST TERRORISM AND TERRORISTS AND THAT WE SUPPORT LEGITIMATE STRUGGLES FOR FREEDOM.

THIS WAS CONTAINED IN AN INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BY (GERALD SIMON) WITH THE BROTHER COLONEL AND SHOWN ON "INDEPENDENT TELEVISION" ON 23 MARCH.

THE BROTHER COLONEL SAID: WE SUPPORT THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY'S STRUGGLE TO REGAIN INDEPENDENCE. WE SUPPORT THEM BECAUSE THEIR STRUGGLE IS A LEGITIMATE ONE. WE SUPPORT THEM, BUT IT IS THEY WHO HAVE CHOSEN THE WAY IN WHICH TO REGAIN THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND TO RID THEMSELVES OF BRITISH COLONIALISM.

(SIMON) ASKED ABOUT THE BROTHER COLONEL'S VIEW ON FEDAYEEN GROUPS CARRYING OUT ACTS OF VIOLENCE. THE BROTHER COLONEL STRESSED THAT WE REJECT VIOLENCE AND THAT ALL MANKIND SHOULD REJECT VIOLENCE. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER MEANS TO OBTAIN YOUR RIGHTS, THEN YOU HAVE AN EXCUSE WHEN YOU RESORT TO VIOLENCE.

THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION ASKED: WHY IS BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE STRUGGLE OF PEOPLES FOR THEIR RIGHT TO FREEDOM, SUCH AS THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN AND IRISH PEOPLES, EVEN THOUGH THESE ARE JUST STRUGGLES? THE LEADER OF THE REVOLUTION SAID: YOU ONLY SUPPORT AMERICA AND THE RACIST REGIMES IN ZIMBABWE AND SOUTH AFRICA. 161730 PW/BRIGGS/LD 16/1942Z APR

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